

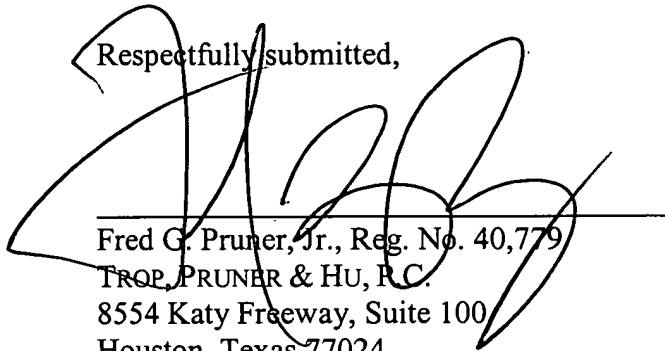
REMARKS

Before examination of the application and calculation of the filing fee, please enter this amendment that cancels claims 2-27 and adds new claims 28-46. Applicant submits that new claims 28-46 are patentable in view of the art cited in the parent application. Therefore, a favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (SHL.0231C1US)

Date: March 22, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



Fred G. Pruner, Jr., Reg. No. 40,779

TROP, PRUNER & HU, P.C.

8554 Katy Freeway, Suite 100

Houston, Texas 77024

(713) 468-8880 [Phone]

(713) 468-8883 [Fax]